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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant request that the Examiner consider the following references which have come to Applicant's attention based on Japanese Patent Office Action issued April 2, 2002. A fee and a statement are due as a final action has issued for the above listed application on April 10, 2002. Applicant states that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the issuance of the Action in Japan.

U.S. 4,768,385 discloses a parallel path Coriolis mass flow meter. The reference is in the same patent family as JP 02-500213.

JP 62-199634 discloses a mass flow meter. A duct of a section is held between a support point and is provided in a pressure resistant container with inert gas. Because of a balance of pressure of the inert gas being an equilibrium with the fluid pressure in the duct there is a damping of vibrations of the duct. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language translation of the abstract.

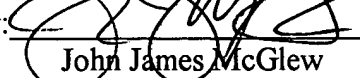
U.S. 4,876,898 discloses a high temperature Coriolis mas flow rate meter. The reference belongs to the same patent family as JP 02-150724.

U.S. 5,381,697 discloses a mass flow meter. The reference belongs to the same patent family as JP 06-094501.

Consideration of the references is requested.

Respectfully submitted

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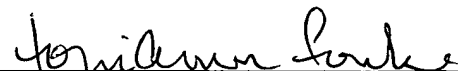
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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.

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